

Subject: Priced Newcomer sale catalog

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[Los Angeles, CA]

B. B. GILMAN

603 So. Cochran Ave.,

Los Angeles.

November 1, 1937.

Mr. Howland Wood,
Amer. Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th St.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Just to identify myself to you let me remind you that I sold to you and Mr. Robertson some choice Mexican, Central American, and South American pieces about two years ago.

May I impose on your time and good nature to the extent of supplying the following information:

Is there a copy of the Newcomer sale catalog, priced, in the library? Or have you access to one? If so, I want to know the price realized for the 1841 Quarter Eagle, Philadelphia mint, which was disposed of in that sale.

I understand Mr. Newcomer paid \$1200. for this coin. It was stated at that time that there were only two other known specimens of this great rarity - the one in the Mint collection and the other in the Michelson collection belonging to the city of Hartford, Conn.

In addition to the amount received for the coin in the Newcomer sale can you tell me anything of further interest concerning this coin? Are there other specimens than those referred to herein? *known*

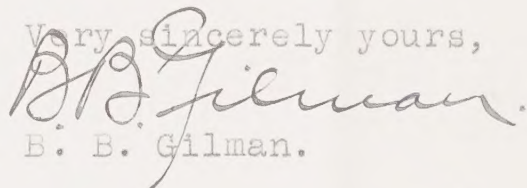
Who is considered to have the finest collection of the Quarter Eagles other than those in the Society's collection, the Mint, or the Hartford collection? In other words who is the most assiduous individual collector of this series who

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may be expected to have a very considerable fund of information regarding the Quarter Eagles and the die varieties of the entire series as well as such information as has come to light to account for the great rarity of some of them.

Can you find time to supply this information? I shall be deeply indebted to you if you can and will do so.

We, who had the pleasure of acquaintance with Mr. Robertson, learned with sincere regret of his passing on. I recall with much pleasure my several visits to your office and the very gracious treatment accorded me on every occasion by Mr. Robertson and yourself.

Very sincerely yours,

B. B. Gilman.

Nov. 4, 1937

Mr. B. B. Gilman,
603 So. Cochran Ave.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Gilman:

I have looked through the various sales of Newcomer's coins and do not find any 1841 quarter eagle that has been sold.

As I understand it, not all of his coins have been disposed of. Wayte Raymond bought some of these and some are still in Baltimore. You might write Wayte Raymond.

I can tell you absolutely nothing about the 1841 piece as we have never paid much of any attention to it. We do not have it in our own collection.

I do not know who is especially interested today in quarter eagles outside of Mr. F. C. C. Boyd, 237 East 20th Street, New York City.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks